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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hidehiko FUNAOKA et al.**

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For: **MICROPOROUS POLYOLEFIN MEMBRANE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
THE SAME****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 26, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the attached substitute abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 27-29 as follows:

- said membrane selected*
1. (Amended) A microporous polyolefin membrane with fine fibrils, *etc* comprising (A) a polyolefin, having a weight-average molecular weight of 5×10^5 or more or (B) a composition containing a polyolefin having a weight-average molecular weight of 5×10^5 or more, said fibrils being connected to each other, wherein the average pore size of the membrane is